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Subject: Converting household weights to individual weights

Posted by [cdelannoy](#) on Fri, 03 Apr 2020 18:48:12 GMT

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Hello,

We are looking to use the Household Member Recode file from the DHS as a nationally representative survey sample at the individual level for a few countries. Do you have any recommendations on how to commute the household weight to an individual weight? Alternately, would you recommend using a different dataset that already has those individual-level weights (note that the women and men surveys are not eligible for our purposes because of the frequency of sampling for those surveys)?

As a simple example, suppose all I wanted to know the proportion of the national population that was 18-25 years old. What file and weighting scheme should I use to calculate this?

Thanks in advance

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Subject: Re: Converting household weights to individual weights

Posted by [schoumaker](#) on Fri, 03 Apr 2020 18:58:48 GMT

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Hello,

You just need to use hv005.

The individual weights in this case are the same as the household weights, since all the members of the household are included.

Best.

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Subject: Re: Converting household weights to individual weights

Posted by [cdelannoy](#) on Mon, 06 Apr 2020 14:46:48 GMT

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Thank you very much!

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